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SUBJ: PRESS TREATMENT OF FM TETENES' REMARKS RE
RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

1. KEEPING IN STEP WITH SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY
(ANA) BULLETIN JUNE 20, ALL ATHENS NEWSPAPERS REPORTED
GREEK FM TETENES STATEMENT AT NATO MINISTERIAL THAT HE
WAS PLEASED BY REAFFIRMATION OF NATO'S DEVOTION TO THE
IDEAL OF DEMOCRACY. ANA NOTED TETENES SPOKE FOLLOWING
"INTERVENTIONS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL, HOLLAND AND
NORWAY WITH REGARD TO ALLIANCE MEMBERS RESPECTING
DECLARATION ON DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS." ACCORDING TO ANA
TETENES ADDED THAT CERTAIN DELEGATIONS HAD MADE HINTS
ABOUT INTERNAL SITUATION IN GREECE AND HE WISHED TO
AVAIL HIMSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS THAT, IN
SIGNING THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION, GREECE ACCEPTED IT
IN FULL WITHOUT ANY RESERVE. ANA CONTINUED THAT TETENES
RECALLED THAT GOG HAD ALREADY STATED THAT IT AIMED TO
RESTORE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF
PRESERVING INTERNAL ORDER AND PEACE, FOR WHICH IT WAS
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RESPONSIBLE, IT SHOULD BE LEFT TO ACT AS SOLE JUDGE ON

MANNER AND TIME OF CHANGES AS WAS CASE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO ANA" MR. TETENES CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT AS A RESULT, THE RESTORATION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

2. REPORTAGE ON FM'S REMARKS WAS SUBPARAGRAPH IN THREE MORNING DAILIES WITH CENTRAL FOCUS OF ARTICLES DESCRIPTION OF SYG LUNS' APPEAL TO TURKEY AND GREECE TO SETTLE ALL DIFFERENCES BY PEACEFUL MEANS THROUGH FRIENDLY TALKS. PRESS ALSO REPORTED RESPONSES OF TURKISH AND GREEK FONMINS THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND SETTLEMENT BASED ON LAW AND SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND JUSTICE. TASCA

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